POOR LAW, &c (IRELAND.)

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 9 July 1855;—*for*,

A COPY "of any MINUTES of the TREASURY by which the RETIRED ALLOWANCES enumerated in Return, No. 320, of this Session were granted, and of the CORRESPONDENCE relating thereto."

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, 20 July 1855.

JAMES WILSON.

COPY of CORRESPONDENCE relating to the RETIRED ALLOWANCES enumerated in Return, No. 320, of this Session, and TREASURY MINUTE authorising the Grant thereof.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin, 7 February 1855.

Sir,

ADVERTING to the letter addressed to you by direction of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, on the 12th October last, in which the Commissioners stated, that the necessity of a reduction in the annual expenses of the Poor-law Establishments in Ireland had been strongly urged on the attention of the Commissioners by the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, and that the question of the extent of reduction in the number of Poor-law Inspectors and Medical Inspectors, together with other possible reductions, was then under the consideration of the Commissioners, I am now directed by the Commissioners to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that the Commissioners have, with the approval of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, determined to discontinue the services of the following Inspectors from and after the 31st March next, viz., Mr. Joseph Burke, Mr Phelan, Mr. Barron, Mr. Huband, and Mr. Lynch, Poor-law Inspectors, and Dr. Dillon, Medical Inspector. The Commissioners have also determined to discontinue the services of Captain Owen, auditor, from the same date.

In announcing to these gentlemen the approaching termination of their appointments, the Commissioners have informed them that the question of a retiring allowance to the several officers now retiring from the service of the Commission, and of the amount thereof, if such allowance be granted, rests on the decision of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in each case.

The intention of the Commissioners to make further reductions in their office establishment has been communicated to the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, but as these reductions are more directly and closely connected with a contemplated alteration of the provisions of the Irish Poor-law, no actual step can be taken by the Commissioners in regard to the individuals whose offices will be abolished or rendered unnecessary by the proposed change of the law, until the intended measure has been submitted to Parliament.

Sir C. E. Trevelyan, K.C.B., &c. &c. &c.
Treasury, London.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. Stanley*, Secretary.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin, 12 February 1855.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that they have received a communication from Colonel Clarke, one of the inspectors at present in the service of the Commission, in which he states that his health is most seriously and, he fears, permanently impaired, in consequence of exposure to wet and cold while travelling

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travelling on the public service; and on this ground he requests to be included in the list of inspectors selected for retirement.

I am at the same time to state, for the information of their Lordships, that, on full consideration, the Commissioners are prepared to reduce the number of Poor-law inspectors to ten; and they therefore request that Colonel Clarke's name may be added to the number of those selected to retire, as already reported to their Lordships in the Commissioners' letter of the 7th instant.

A copy of Colonel Clarke's letter is forwarded herewith for the information of their Lordships; and in reference to that portion of it which alludes to the subject of a retiring allowance, the Commissioners respectfully recommend Colonel Clarke's case to the favourable consideration of their Lordships.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. Stanley*, Secretary.

Sir C. E. Trevelyan, K.C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
17 February 1855.

Sir,

ADVERTING to the letter addressed to you on the 7th instant, relative to the discontinuance of certain officers employed under the Commission, in which the Commissioners stated that, in announcing to the gentlemen who had been selected for retirement the approaching termination of their appointments, the Commissioners had informed them that the question of a retiring allowance, and of the amount thereof, if such allowance be granted, rests on the decision of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in each case; I am now directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to forward to you the accompanying memorials addressed to their Lordships by Messrs. Burke, Phelan, Huband, Lynch, Dr. Dillon, and Captain Owen.

The Commissioners believe the facts stated in these memorials in regard to the services of the several writers to be correct; and the Commissioners earnestly recommend them to the favourable consideration of their Lordships.

In the case of Colonel Clarke the Commissioners have already, in forwarding his request to be permitted to retire, and to be placed in the same category with his colleagues as to a retiring allowance, recommended his case to the favourable consideration of their Lordships, in their letter of the 12th instant.

From Mr. Barron the Commissioners have not received any memorial, although he was duly informed, at the same time as his colleagues, that it was necessary he should make his application through the Commissioners. If the Commissioners hereafter receive such application from Mr. Barron, it shall be forwarded without delay.

The following is a statement of the respective ages of the several officers retiring, and of their periods of service under the Poor Law Commission in Ireland, independently of any previous service in other departments.

NAME.	AGE.	Period of Service under the Poor Law Commission.	Annual Salary and Emoluments.
Mr. J. Burke - -	57 years - -	16 years - -	- - 700 *l.* per annum, and one guinea per day while on service.
Mr. Phelan - - -	70 „ - -	16 „ - -	- - ditto - - ditto.
Mr. Barron - - -	48 „ - -	7 ½ „ - -	- - ditto - - ditto.
Mr. Huband - - -	(Not known) -	7 ½ „ - -	- - ditto - - ditto.
Mr. Lynch - - -	49 years - -	7 ½ „ - -	- - ditto - - ditto.
Colonel Clarke - -	55 „ - -	7 ½ „ - -	- - 500 *l.* per annum, and 1 *l.* per night when absent from home all night on duty.
Dr. Dillon - - -	62 „ - -	3 ½ „ - -	- - ditto - - ditto.
Captain Owen - -	58 „ - -	11 „ - -	550 *l.* per annum.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. Stanley*, Secretary.

Sir Charles Trevelyan, K.C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

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Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin,
19 February 1855.

Sir,

ADVERTING to the letter addressed to you, on the 17th instant, on the subject of the discontinuance of the services of certain officers now employed under the Commission, I am now directed by the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, a memorial which the Commissioners have this day received from Mr. Barron, addressed to their Lordships, and praying for a retiring allowance.

The only passage in this memorial on which the Commissioners feel it necessary to make any remark is the following:

"Memorialist begs to observe that, during the pressure of the famine years, and for some time after, he had the charge of sixteen unions, which he worked up, nearly unassisted; whereas in other districts there have been a large number of assistant inspectors, thereby saving the Government a very considerable outlay."

In recommending Mr. Barron's memorial to the favourable consideration of their Lordships, the Commissioners feel bound to obviate any erroneous impression that might possibly arise from the passage above quoted.

The period to which Mr. Barron alludes, was one in which, by the desire of Her Majesty's Government, temporary inspectors were employed, each having one or more unions to superintend, and this was done without disturbing the districts or responsibility of the permanent inspectors. The unions placed under temporary inspectors were those in which most difficulty was experienced or anticipated in the administration of relief. Mr. Barron's district, being situated chiefly in Ulster, consisted of unions for which very little assistance of this nature was considered necessary. The Commissioners do not think that the facts, as explained, afford any just ground for distinguishing Mr. Barron's claim for compensation for loss of office from the claims of those of his colleagues who are retiring.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. Stanley*,
Secretary.

Sir Charles Trevelyan, K.C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

COPY of TREASURY MINUTE, dated 23 February 1855.

WRITE to the Poor Law Commissioners that my Lords are pleased to award the following allowances of compensation to the several officers of the Department whose offices it is proposed to abolish after the 31st of March next; viz.—

Mr. J. Burke, Poor Law Inspector	£. 400	per annum.
Mr. Dennis Phelan ditto	400	"
Mr. S. M. Barron ditto	300	"
Mr. Geo. Huband ditto	300	"
Mr. Richd M. Lynch ditto	300	"
Mr. Clarke - - ditto	330	"
Dr. Dillon, Medical Inspector	250	"
Captain Owen, Auditor	250	"

With regard to Mr. Clarke's case, observe that my Lords have felt themselves justified in awarding to him a higher amount of allowance than they otherwise would have done, in consideration of the serious injury to his health occasioned by the nature of his duties.

Let the necessary directions be given to the Paymaster of Civil Services for the payment of their several allowances accordingly from the 1st of April next, charging them to the Grant for Superannuations, &c.

(*Note*—It has not been considered necessary to give copies of the several memorials alluded to in the communications from the Secretary to the Poor Law Commissioners in Ireland.)

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(*Sir Denham Norreys.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
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